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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

February 25, 2004

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Notice of Allowability in this case mailed December 23, 2003, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, comment as follows. The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing the claims. But the Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and respectfully submit that the claims may be allowable for other reasons.

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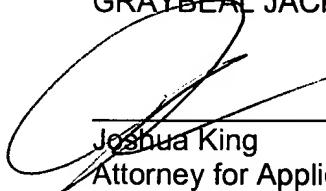
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If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, Joshua King, at (425) 455-5575.

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